

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-47-TDS-JLW

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

EASEMENTS TO CONSTRUCT,
OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE OVER
TRACTS OF LAND IN ROCKINGHAM
COUNTY, GUILFORD COUNTY, AND
ALAMANCE COUNTY NORTH
CAROLINA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**MEDIATION STATUS
REPORT**

Plaintiff Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (“MVP”) submits this Mediation Status Report in accordance with the Court’s March 10, 2022 order (DE 105).

1. In this action, MVP seeks to acquire natural gas pipeline easements over approximately 85 properties located in Alamance County and Rockingham County pursuant to the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 717-717z. In addition to MVP, the parties to this case include (a) parties who claim an interest in the properties at issue in this action (the “Fee Owners”) and (b) Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC and Cardinal Pipeline

Company, LLC (collectively, “Transco”), which operate natural gas pipelines on some of the properties owned by the Fee Owners.

2. Over the course of the last year, MVP and Transco have engaged in numerous mediated settlement discussions with the assistance of the mediator, the Honorable James L. Gale. Though Transco and MVP have continued to communicate regarding a potential resolution, certain matters between MVP and Transco remain unresolved.

3. MVP has engaged in informal settlement discussions with numerous Fee Owners. As a result of informal settlement discussions, to date, MVP has resolved claims regarding nine tracts and dismissed those matters from this action.

4. As of the date of this filing, MVP has seven scheduled mediations with represented Fee Owners, and is in the process of scheduling 10 more.

5. Challenges to getting all matters scheduled for mediation have included mediator availability, personal and professional obligations of the parties and counsel that have created scheduling conflicts, trials scheduled in MVP’s condemnation case in Virginia, difficulty communicating with unrepresented parties, and the number of separate matters that need to be mediated.

6. MVP continues to believe that mediation is worthwhile for many, if not all, of the matters with the Fee Owners. Based on consultation with counsel for many of the Fee Owners, MVP continues to schedule additional mediated settlement conferences.

This the 16th day of May, 2022.

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